

Written Testimony of Scott Jackson, President and CEO, Global Impact Submitted to the Government Administration & Elections Committee

In Reference to Raised House Bill 5513

An Act Revising Certain Statutes Concerning The State Comptroller

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Good afternoon Chairman Cassano, Chairman Jutila, Ranking and distinguished members of the Government Administrations and Elections Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on raised House bill 5513. Global Impact applauds this effort to increase efficiencies and supports many of the bill's provisions. We stand ready to assist or advise you and/or the comptroller in efforts to bolster the state's employee giving campaign.

Established in 1956, Global Impact provides organizations and donors with effective ways to give to causes, regions and crises throughout the world. We deliver a wide range of giving solutions through an alliance of globally focused charities, management of one of the world's largest workplace giving campaigns and partnerships to meet the needs of organizations and donors. Our expertise, business acumen and efficiency ensure that charitable gifts are put to work to help others. Since our founding, we have generated more than \$1.7 billion for people in need around the world.

Last year the Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving raised almost \$1.4 million dollars. Many of our member charities were beneficiaries of the campaign, and the gracious donations of Connecticut's State employees.

Global Impact works with nearly 450 public and private workplace giving campaigns to generate funding for an alliance of more than 125 international charities, including Save the Children and AmeriCares (both headquartered in Connecticut), as well as CARE, Doctors Without Borders, Heifer International, Save the Children, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and World Vision. Through these partnerships, Global Impact meets real needs with real results by supporting programs focused on clean water, disaster relief and resiliency, economic development, education, environmental sustainability, global health and child survival, human trafficking, hunger, and women and girls.

Global Impact has participated in the Connecticut Campaign since its inception, and we look forward to continuing our long standing relationship. The donations provided by the hard working Connecticut State employees allow our member charities to provide essential care to the world's most needy citizens.